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MEMORANDUM

TO: Selectmen
FROM: Peter Lombardi, Town Administrator
RE: Draft Open Space and Recreation Committee Charge
DATE: April 19, 2016

The Open Space and Recreation Committee shall be comprised of up to nine members, serving one-year terms, and subject to reappointment by the Board of Selectmen. Its composition will include residents who have a diversity of interests and experiences, ranging from interest in community character and landscape preservation to economic development and real estate, from active and passive recreation to natural resource conservation. The Committee's charge is as follows:

- Work to deliver a comprehensive update to the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). Once completed and approved, establish a process of ongoing review and updating of the OSRP as appropriate.
- Based on the findings of the OSRP, work with the Board of Selectmen and other relevant Town boards, commissions, and committees to maintain a list of target properties considered desirable for protection for various municipal uses.
- Work with private property owners and non-profit agencies to identify opportunities to preserve open space and funding sources to support these preservation efforts.
- Work with the Board of Selectmen to identify properties that are better suited for development than preservation and support the creation of a strategic plan to address these opportunities.
- Work to support adoption of planning, zoning, and assessment practices and policies that reinforce the objective of preserving and acquiring open space in the Town of Wenham.
- Provide progress reports to the Board of Selectmen as appropriate or as requested, and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and to Town Meeting regarding the acquisition of open space for municipal purposes.